

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, line 24 to page 13, line 5 with the following paragraph:

Although the present invention has been described with reference to preferred embodiments, workers skilled in the art will recognize that changes may be made in form and detail without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. For example, the fluid return channel and recirculation system heretofore described may also be incorporated into the liquid handling system described in U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2003/0004608 A1 by O'Dougherty et al., entitled "LIQUID HANDLING SYSTEM WITH ELECTRONIC INFORMATION STORAGE," or the liquid handling system described in ~~U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2003/0189667 A1~~ U.S. Pat. No. 6,879,876 by O'Dougherty et al., entitled "LIQUID HANDLING SYSTEM WITH ELECTRONIC INFORMATION STORAGE."